



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

ACCESS MEDIQUIP
2724 MOMENTUM PLACE
CHICAGO IL 60689

Respondent Name

AMERICAN ZURICH INSURANCE CO

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 19

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-12-3380-01

MFDR Date Received

JULY 17, 2012

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Proof of costs, Letter from facility confirming Access Mediquip provided implants and to bill separately from facility, EOR, and our original claim form."

Amount in Dispute: \$64,846.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "Requestor filed its DWC-60 form on July 17, 2012. The filing was more than one year after the date of service. A provider must request medical dispute resolution on a fee issue or a retrospective medical necessity review within one year of the date of service."

Response Submitted by: Flahive, Ogden & Latson

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 6, 2011	HCPCS Code L8689, L8687, L8680, L8681, L9900	\$64,846.00	\$00.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, effective May 31, 2012, sets out the procedures for health care providers to pursue a medical fee dispute.

2. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

Explanation of benefits

- 197-Precertification/authorization/notification absent.
- 408-Bill not paid. Please contact the Sedgwick Claims examiner for further information regarding this bill.
- 40-These...covered services because this is not deemed a medical necessity by the payer. Services denied. Please contact the SRS Claim Examiner regarding these charges.

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. (A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The date of the services in dispute is July 6, 2011. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on July 17, 2012. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307, subparagraph (B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute. For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by both parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

_____ Signature	_____ Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	<u>7/26/2013</u> Date
_____ Signature	_____ Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Manager	<u>7/26/2013</u> Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.